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an optical waveguide having a property of transmitting light and having a principal surface, with said optical element mounted on said principal surface, for guiding light emitted from said optical element or light admitted to said optical element.

17. (Amended) An optical module, comprising:

an optical element; and

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a mounting member, said mounting member having a property of transmitting light to have a function of an optical waveguide for guiding light emitted from said optical element or light admitted to said optical element, said mounting member electrically connected to said optical element or a semiconductor element associated with said optical element.

18. (Amended) An optical module, comprising:

a mounting member having a principal surface and a lateral surface, the mounting member having a property of transmitting light; and

an optical element mounted on said principal surface,

wherein said mounting member has a function of an optical waveguide, and an optical input/output terminal for said optical waveguide is provided on said lateral surface.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 17 and 18 are amended.

Reconsideration based on the above Amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,756,590 under Forrest et al. ("Forrest"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Forrest does not disclose a mounting member having a property of transmitting light, as claimed in claims 1, 4, 17 and 18.